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SUBJECT: US - RP TAX TREATY

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1. EMBASSY IS INFORMED THAT RP PANEL IS PREPARED TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH. THEY WOULD MUCH PREFER FOURTH WEEK IN MARCH, BUT IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, AS SEEMS TO BE INDICATED BY REF B, THIRD WEEK OF MARCH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.

2. PHILIPPINE AGREEMENT TO A FURTHER MEETING IS, HOWEVER, CONDITIONAL. PANEL CHAIRMAN PIO DE RODA AND PANEL MEMBER TOLEDO HAVE STATED THAT THEY SEEK SOME ASSURANCE THAT A SOLUTION TO THE SHIPPING ARTICLE IMPASSE CAN BE FOUND; OTHERWISE, THEY BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE UNPRODUCTIVE. ELIMINATION OF THE ARTICLE FROM THE TREATY IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PHILIPPINE SIDE, AND THEY ASK IF THE US SIDE IS PREPARED TO DROP IT. WE HAVE STATED THAT THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, BUT HAVE NOT GONE FURTHER IN VIEW OF RESERVATIONS RAISED PARAGRAPH 2, REF B. APPARENTLY LINA HAS NOT CONVEYED CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH U.S. WOULD DROP THE ARTICLE, AND THE RP PANEL WISHES CLARIFICATION ON THIS BEFORE DEFINITELY AGREEING TO SCHEDULE TALKS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT 1) ADVISE EMBASSY IF FOURTH WEEK IN MARCH IS ACCEPTABLE FOR TALKS, OR IF NOT, IF THIRD WEEK IN MARCH CAN BE SCHEDULED; AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2) INFORM EMBASSY AS SPECIFICALLY AS POSSIBLE OF CONDI-

TIONS UNDER WHICH THE U.S. COULD AGREE TO THE ELIMINATION
OF THE SHIPPING AND AIRCRAFT ARTICLE.
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